

**"CLEAN SET" OF PENDING CLAIMS**

7. (three times amended) A method of treating a subject having type C viral hepatitis comprising administering, to the subject, by the peroral route, an oral liquid formulation of human  $\alpha$ -interferon at a daily dosage of between 100 and 500 IU.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein the human  $\alpha$ -interferon is obtained from a lymphoblastoid cell culture.

11. (amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the human  $\alpha$ -interferon is obtained from lymphocyte cells.

13. The method of claim 7 wherein the formulation is administered in a single dosage unit having a volume of approximately 1 milliliter.

15. The method of claim 9 wherein the formulation is administered in a single dosage unit having a volume of approximately 1 milliliter.

17. The method of claim 11 wherein the formulation is administered in a single dosage unit having a volume of approximately 1 milliliter.